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**Monday, May 14, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

May 14, 2007

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

**Honorable
Pam O'Connor, Chair**

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of April 9, 2007 1

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

**5.1 RCP vision and Guiding Principles
Attachment**

**Jennifer Sarnecki 3 30 Minutes
SCAG Staff**

Staff will present a draft vision and guiding principles that would guide the development of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

**Recommended Action:
Adopt RCP Vision and Guiding Principles and forward to CEHD for consideration in June.**



REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 6.1 | <u>Linking RCP Principles, Outcomes, and Policy
Action Plans
Attachment</u> | Douglas Kim
Consultant | 5 | 30 Minutes |
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Staff will discuss how the RCP will use the
Guiding Principles to develop desired outcomes
And a Policy Action Plan and Strategic
Initiatives.

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| 6.2 | <u>Bond Infrastructure Workshop and RCP Outreach
Attachment</u> | Douglas Kim
Consultant | 8 | 30 Minutes |
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Staff will provide a summary of the Bond workshop.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

**Honorable
Pam O'Connor, Chair**

8.0 STAFF REPORT

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force will be held at the SCAG offices
on June 11, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon.



Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for April 9, 2007

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Paul Nowatka, City of Torrance.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

Members Present

Cook, Debbie
Fesmire, Melanie(Ph)
McCallon, Larry
Nowatka, Paul
O'Connor, Pam
Parks, Linda(Ph)
Pettis, Greg (Ph)
Young, Toni

Representing

Huntington Beach
Indio
Highland
Torrance
Santa Monica
Ventura
CVAG
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Buckley, Tom
Feinstein, Michael
Garcia, Lee Ann

Representing

Lake Elsinore
Ex-Officio
Grand Terrace

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Nowatka, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of March 12, 2007

The minutes of March 12, 2007 were approved as submitted. (Vice-Chair Paul Nowatka and Member, Debbie Cook abstained due to absence.)

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None

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Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for April 9, 2007

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Open Space and Habitat Chapter

Jessica Kirchner, SCAG Staff, provided a report and powerpoint presentation. Jessica provided an overview of the importance of regional open space planning, including some of the unique benefits of the different types of open space. Doug Kim, consultant, informed the group that the actions of the open space chapter and other chapters will be looked at overall on how they could affect the other areas of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

The group asked staff and the consultant to bring back draft guiding principals and/or visions for this and other chapters.

6.2 Bond Implementation/RCP Workshop

Bev Perry, SCAG Staff, provided an overview of the Bond Workshop that is to take place on May 3, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel coinciding with the SCAG General Assembly. Paul Nowatka, Vice-Chair, will provide the welcome comments at the workshop.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

None

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Sustainability

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

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REPORT

DATE: May 14, 2007

TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

FROM: Jennifer Brost Sarnecki, AICP, Senior Planner, (213) 236-1829, sarnecki@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Draft RCP Vision and Guiding Principles

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee adopt the Regional Comprehensive Plan's Vision and Guiding Principles.

BACKGROUND:

On April 9, 2007, the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force requested that staff develop draft guiding principles for review and discussion. Staff has drafted a vision and guiding principles based on the Growth Vision principles by further articulating how the RCP can promote and sustain the region's mobility, livability, and prosperity for future generations.

This approach is consistent with previous RCP Task Force discussions that identified the RCP as part of the Compass Growth Vision and 2% Strategy Implementation. For example, the recommendations made within each RCP chapter will be comprised of infrastructure and resource activities consistent with the envisioned growth pattern.

The draft RCP Vision and Guiding Principles are attached for review and comment.

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vision

A Southern California region that balances economic prosperity, natural resource conservation, and quality of life priorities that meet the needs of the present without compromising the future.

Through measured performance and tangible outcomes, the RCP serves as both an action plan for implementation of short-term strategies and a call to action for strategic, long-term initiatives that are guided by the following Guiding Principles for sustaining a livable region:

Guiding Principles

Principle 1 - Improve mobility for all residents

Improve the efficiency of the transportation system and strategically add new travel choices that improve system connectivity in concert with land use decisions and environmental objectives.

Principle 2- Foster livability in all communities

Foster safe, healthy, walkable communities with diverse services, strong civic engagement, affordable housing and equal distribution of environmental benefits.

Principle 3 – Enable prosperity for all people

Promote economic vitality and new competitive economies and provide housing, education, and job training opportunities for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or income.

Principle 4 – Promote sustainability

Promote a region where natural resources are used efficiently to protect quality of life and economic prosperity for future generations.

MEMO

DATE: May 14, 2007

TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

FROM: Douglas Kim, (213) 236-1967, kimd@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Linking the RCP's Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals, Outcomes, and Action Plan

SUMMARY:

The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is centered on a proposed Vision of long-term sustainability for the region that balances the needs for resource conservation, economic vitality, and quality of life. The proposed Guiding Principles provide further detail on how that Vision should be realized.

Based on its Vision and Guiding Principles, the RCP will be a structured policy blueprint that focuses on an Action Plan that can move the region toward long-term sustainability. To that end, the nine resource chapters of the RCP will each focus on the following action plan:

- **Goals**
Each chapter of the RCP will define how sustainability is defined for its resource area. For example, the sustainability goal for Open Space natural lands could be to preserve existing critical habitat and wildlife corridors to ensure that existing flora and fauna can survive and prosper.
- **Outcomes**
These should focus on quantitative targets that define progress toward meeting sustainability Goals. They need to be clearly defined (e.g., a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2007 levels), capable of being monitored with existing or reasonably foreseeable resources, and have a strong link to the sustainability goals. For example, a desired Outcome for Open Space could be to increase the amount of protected open space by at least 700,000 acres of natural lands that includes wildlife linkages. This type of outcome would meet the desired criteria and be strongly linked to the sustainability goal of preserving existing critical habitat, for example. The RCP's Outcomes will also attempt to produce multiple benefits in other areas. For example, holistic outcomes for Open Space can produce benefits for water quality, water supply, air quality, and other areas of the RCP that bolster sustainability in those resources areas. The attached matrix illustrates an example of how each resource chapter of the RCP could provide multiple benefits in other areas.
- **Action Plan**
This critical part of the RCP lays out a comprehensive implementation strategy that recommends how the region can systematically move to meet the RCP's quantitative Outcomes and achieve its Goals, Guiding Principles, and Vision. The Action Plan would be comprised of two parts:

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- **Constrained Policies.** This will include a series of recommended near-term, feasible policies that stakeholders will be asked to consider and implement. For example, the RCP will call on SCAG to adopt certain sustainability-based policies that reflect its role as a planning agency, council of governments, and metropolitan planning organization. The RCP will also recommend potential policies for consideration by local governments and other key stakeholders. Clear policies will improve the Intergovernmental Review process and help SCAG and local governments assess the consistency of local projects to the RCP.
- **Strategic Initiatives.** This section will include strategies that require significant effort to implement but are necessary to achieve the RCP's desired Goals and Outcomes. Most of these Strategic Initiatives are not constrained and will require political will, enabling legislation, new funding sources, and other key developments in order. In most cases, this tier of strategies is the key to achieving the region's sustainability Goals and Outcomes.

The recommended structure of the RCP is intended to link broad visionary principles to an action plan that moves the region towards resource sustainability.

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
POTENTIAL FOR MULTIPLE BENEFITS
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	land use/housing	solid waste	energy	air quality	open space	economy	water	transportation	security
Land Use/Housing		++	++	++	++	++	++	++	0
Solid/Hazardous Waste	+		++	+	0	+	++	0	0
Energy	++	+		++	+	++	+	+	+
Air Quality	+	0	++		+	+	0	+	0
Open Space	++	0	++	++		0	++	+	0
Economy	++	+	++	++	+		+	++	0
Water	++	0	+	+	+	+		+	+
Transportation	++	0	++	++	++	++	++		++
Security	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	

++ Strong multiplier benefits
+ Some multiplier benefits
0 Neutral multiplier benefits

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MEMO

DATE: May 14, 2007
TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force
FROM: Bev Perry, (213) 236-1821, perry@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Bond Infrastructure Workshop

BACKGROUND:

SCAG hosted a Bond Implementation Workshop entitled "Show Us The Money!" on May 3rd from 8:45 am- noon at the Biltmore Hotel before the General Assembly. This workshop was an opportunity for our members to hear the latest information on how the money from the bonds passed by the voters in November, 2006 would be distributed by state agencies. Panelists included Linda Wheaton from Housing & Community Development, Mark Cowin from the Department of Water Resources, Sedrick Mitchell from the Department of Parks & Recreation and Ross Chittenden from Caltrans. We also had Art Bauer, Staff Director of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee give us some insight as to how the bond legislation is shaping up, and Jacob Lieb from SCAG described the upcoming Regional Comprehensive Plan and how it ties in with the bonds. City Administration and Planning staff, along with many other staff and electeds attended (we had around 200 registered) to learn how to access the resources available. Feedback received was generally very favorable. The presentations and handouts are now posted on SCAG's website at www.scag.ca.gov/events/bondworkshop.htm.